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Dear Raymond Yeung,

**2016/5762/P 9 Middle Field, Camden NW8 6ND**

The above application has been brought to the attention of the Twentieth Century Society. We wish to object to the application on the grounds that it will cause harm to a non-designated heritage asset.

Middle Field was laid out to the designs of Sir Thomas Bennett, an important figure in mid-century architecture and town planning. He is well known for his role as Chairman of the Crawley New Town Development Corporation. Bennett also has a number of listed works to his name, including Smithfield Poultry Market, Dorset House in Marylebone and the Saville Theatre (all Grade II). His practice was passed on to his son, and continues today as tp bennett LLP.

Designed in 1958, Middle Field would have been one of Bennett's earliest projects after the completion of Crawley New Town. It consists of two rows of terraces which face each other across the street. The treatment of the street-facing facades is the same on both sides. Clean lines, classical proportions and lack of ornament make Middle Field a fine reinterpretation of the Georgian terrace, enlivened by a 'Festival Style' balcony supported on slender white pilots. Central to the significance of the development is the consistency of these elevations. Some variation is achieved through a mix of window types at ground floor, but overall the terraces have a high level of uniformity and have also been remarkably well preserved.

We are concerned that the addition of the porch at 9 Middle Field will not only significantly undermine this cohesion, but will also start a precedent for inappropriate and incremental additions which will clutter what is currently an elegant and minimalist architectural composition. For this reason, we recommend that the application is refused permission, and that the applicants explore further extension at the rear of the property instead.

I trust that these comments are of use to you in your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind regards,

The Twentieth Century Society, 70 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ





Tess Pinto  
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**Remit:** The Twentieth Century Society was founded in 1979 and is the national amenity society concerned with the protection, appreciation, and study of post-1914 architecture, townscape and design. The Society is acknowledged in national planning guidance as the key organisation concerned with the modern period and is a constituent member of the Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies. Under the procedures set out in *ODPM Circular 09/2005*, all English local planning authorities must inform the Twentieth Century Society when an application for listed building consent involving partial or total demolition is received, and they must notify us of the decisions taken on these applications.

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